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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, after the title of the invention, please insert the following text:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/078,294, filed on May 13, 1998.--

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim [3] 2,
wherein the chromosome is a human chromosome.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not introduce
new matter. It is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance,
which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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